

Idaho Department of Lands
URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY (UCF)
GRANT PROGRAM

FACT SHEET~ GRANT YEAR 2005-06

About the program: UCF Grants are available to eligible Idaho cities, counties and tribal governments on a competitive basis. The purpose of the grant program is to educate, stimulate interest in, and assist with the development of effective community forestry programs in communities throughout Idaho. Activities that lead to the development of new community forestry programs or enhance existing programs are encouraged.

Who can apply: Funds are available to all Idaho cities, counties and tribal governments interested in developing a local community forestry program.

Project eligibility: Projects must be located on public land (federal, state or local government owned). Activities eligible for funding include those that:

- Improve the “understanding of the benefits of preserving existing tree cover in Idaho communities.”
- Improve the community forest by educating the public about community trees.
- Establish tree committees for development of local community forestry programs.
- Involve volunteers and coordinate activities among participating community groups.
- Assist communities in beginning tree care operations and/or high-risk tree removals.
- Assist with tree inventories of the community forest.
- Promote programs providing planting, protection and maintenance of trees.
- Demonstrate a commitment to long term community forestry management.
- Provide educational programs and technical assistance.
- Encourage owners of private and commercial properties to maintain and expand the community forest canopy area.
- Establish community forestry demonstration projects.
- Expand educational efforts relating to environmental, economic, social, and psychological benefits of trees.
- Address a community problem or result in a measurable community benefit.
- Promote projects that can be replicated by or serve as a model for other communities or organizations.

Maximum grant award: The maximum grant award is \$4,000 for any one recipient. Tree purchase, tree planting or high-risk tree maintenance/removal projects are also eligible, but can comprise no more than \$1,000 of the grant funds requested. Grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.

Matching requirement: No local match is required. Cash or donated match is encouraged, and is a criterion for ranking grant projects.